



## Georgia Department of Revenue

### Laurens County Local Ad Valorem Tax Facts

**Caution:** By viewing the web pages at the Georgia Local Government Services Division's website, taxpayers should obtain a general understanding of the property tax laws of Georgia that apply statewide. This page contains local information about a specific county. While every attempt has been made to include everything a taxpayer needs to know, mistakes are possible and taxpayers should contact their local tax officials for verification and clarification of the information found on this page. Information on this page is based on the best information available.

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**PROPERTY TAX RETURNS** Property tax returns must be filed with the Laurens County Tax Commissioner between January 1 and April 1 of each year. The taxpayer may elect not to file a property tax return if there have been no changes that would affect the value of their property from the previous year.

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS** The deadline for filing an application for a homestead exemption in Laurens County is April 1.

Application for homestead exemption is made with the Tax Commissioner in the county. Failure to apply by the deadline is considered a waiver of all the exemption for that year.

There are no local homestead exemptions offered in this county, but the taxpayer can make application for the statewide homestead exemptions.

**FREEPORT LEVEL ONE EXEMPTIONS** Laurens County voters have elected to exempt the following types of commercial and industrial inventory:

- Raw materials and goods in process of manufacture - 100% exemption
- Finished goods produced in Georgia within the last 12 months - 100% exemption
- Finished goods stored in Georgia within the last 12 months and destined for shipment out-of-state - 100% exemption

The Cities of Dublin, Dudley, and East Dublin have elected to exempt 100% of all qualified Level 1 freeport inventory.

The deadline for filing an application for freeport exemption with the Board of Tax Assessors is April 1 to receive the full exemption.

**AD VALOREM TAX PAYMENTS** Taxes are normally due in this county by December 1 of each year but the law allows taxpayers 60 days from the date of mailing before interest may be charged. Ad valorem taxes are collected by the Tax Commissioner.

Additionally, a penalty of 10% will apply to all taxes that are not paid within 90 days of the deadline.

**VALUATION APPEALS** If the assessors disagree with the taxpayer's returned value, they will change the value and a notice of assessment will be sent to the taxpayer. If the taxpayer wishes to appeal the change, the appeal must be sent to the Board of Tax Assessors and postmarked no later than 45 days from the date of the notice. Beginning 01/01/11 all taxable real property will be sent a notice of assessment.

**AD VALOREM TAX REFUNDS** If a taxpayer discovers they have paid taxes that they believe were illegal or erroneous, they may request a refund within 3 years of the date of payment. The claim for refund should be filed in writing with the Board of County Commissioners within three years after the date of payment.

**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION** Laurens County sells tags on a 12-month staggered system at the County Courthouse, 101 N. Jefferson Street, Dublin, Ga. 31040.

Vehicle owners must renew their registration and pay the ad valorem tax every year with the Tax Commissioner during the 30 day period which ends on their birthday. If the vehicle is owned by more than one person, then the birthday of the person's name that appears first on the title is used to determine the registration period. Newly acquired vehicles must be registered within 30 days. Motor vehicles purchased on or after March 1, 2013, and titled in this State are exempt from sales and use tax and annual ad valorem tax—also known as the "birthday tax." The taxes are replaced by a one-time tax that is imposed on the fair market value of the vehicle called the Title Ad Valorem Tax Fee (TAVT).

#### **MOBILE HOME TAXATION**

**Mobile Home Location Permit** Taxpayers locating a mobile home in Laurens County must apply to the Tax Commissioner for a location permit within 30 days of permanent placement of the home in the county and then annually thereafter between January 1 and April 1. Mobile homes that are temporarily located in the county and are owned by a business that is not located in the county should notify the Board of Tax Assessors of their presence to avoid being cited for failure to apply for the location permit.

**Mobile Home Returns** Owners of mobile homes that are located in the county on January 1 must return the mobile home for taxation to the Tax Commissioner on or before April 1 of each year at the same time they apply for the location permit.

**INTANGIBLE RECORDING** Every holder of a long-term note secured by real estate must have the security instrument recorded in the county where the real estate is located within 90 days. In Laurens County the Tax Commissioner is responsible for collecting intangible recording tax.

The tax for recording the note is at the rate of \$1.50 for each \$500.00 or fractional part of the face amount of the note.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**Local Ordinances** There are no local ordinances pertaining to ad valorem taxation.

**Fees for Garbage, Fire, Street Lights** The Tax Commissioner is not responsible for collecting fees for fire and street lights, but does collect sanitation fees.

**Independent School Systems** Dublin City Schools

**City Tax** The tax commissioner only collects city taxes for motor vehicles and mobile homes. Each town collects its own taxes.

City of Dublin P.O. Box 690 Dublin, Ga. 31040	Town of East Dublin 119 Soperton Ave. East Dublin, Ga. 31027
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Town of Dexter P.O. Box 1145 Dexter, Ga. 31019	Town of Dudley P.O. Box 315 Dudley, Ga. 31022
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Town of Cadwell P.O. Box 280 Cadwell, Ga. 31009	Town of Montrose Montrose, Ga. 31065
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